

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 175

**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

AN ACT

RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS; ALLOWING FOR THE SUSPENSION OF  
SOME OR ALL MUNICIPAL SERVICES, PUBLIC UTILITIES AND  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES PROVIDED BY PERSONS WHOSE RATES ARE  
REGULATED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR THE PUBLIC REGULATION  
COMMISSION WHEN A RESIDENT IS DEPLOYED OR TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED;  
REQUIRING RECONNECTION OR NEW CONNECTION WITHOUT CHARGE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1. MILITARY DEPLOYMENT--MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND  
UTILITIES DISCONTINUED.--**

A. When a resident is a member of a branch of the  
United States armed forces, the reserves or the New Mexico  
national guard and is deployed or on temporary duty assignment  
outside the resident's community for more than thirty days, the  
resident may suspend some or all municipal services, public

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1 utilities or telecommunications services provided by persons  
2 whose rates are regulated by the municipality or the public  
3 regulation commission for the home of the resident without a  
4 penalty. The resident shall certify to the municipality or  
5 other service providers that:

6 (1) the resident has orders to deploy or to be  
7 temporarily assigned outside the resident's community;

8 (2) the service is in the resident's name;

9 (3) the resident owns the home or has a lease  
10 that does not preclude suspension of municipal services or  
11 utilities; and

12 (4) family members or other persons will not  
13 be staying in the home during the time the resident is deployed  
14 or temporarily assigned.

15 B. Upon return from deployment or temporary duty  
16 assignment, the resident shall be allowed to reconnect the  
17 suspended municipal services, public utilities or  
18 telecommunications services without having to pay a  
19 reconnection fee. Except for new equipment or installation of  
20 equipment, the resident may establish new service at a new  
21 address without paying a connection fee.